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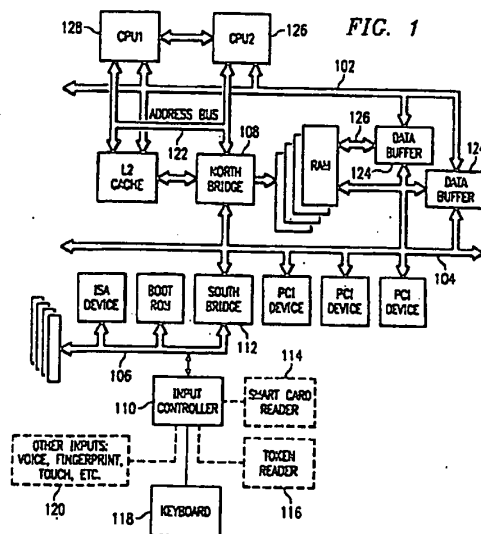
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(54) **Computer architecture with password-checking bus bridge**

(57) A computer password security method employing a south bridge circuitry where the user password is compared to a secured password stored in secured

memory which is directly accessible to the south bridge circuitry, removing any threat of data bus and/or unprotected memory snooping.



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